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MEMORANDUM FOR BRIGADIER GENERAL A. J. GOODPASTER
THE WHITE HOUSE

Andy -

The Secretary had the attached chronology prepared yesterday in connection with his press conference. He thought you might find it useful and that it might also be of interest to Jim Hagerty.

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Attachment:

Chronology.

Copy to Mr. Hagerty, good



TENSION-RAISING SOVIET ACTIONS SINCE JUNE 27, 1960

- June 27** Soviet bloc walks out of 10-nation disarmament meeting in face of known U.S. intention to introduce new disarmament proposals.
- June 30** Soviet note to U.S., U.K., and France protests alleged use of West Berlin for West German "military preparations".
- July 1** Soviet forces shoot down U.S. reconnaissance plane over international waters in the Barents Sea.
- July 8** Khrushchev asserts at press conference in Vienna that bloc might sign a peace treaty with East German regime if Federal Republic Bundestag meets in West Berlin in September.
- Khrushchev also tries to assert a kind of unilateral Soviet guardianship over Austria's neutrality.
- July 9** Khrushchev makes speech asserting that "figuratively speaking" the U.S.S.R. could support Cuba with Soviet missiles if the U.S. launches aggression against Cuba.
- July 11** Soviet Government in note to U.S. reveals it shot down RB-47. Khrushchev comments cynically that Soviet silence was deliberately maintained in order "to trap" the U.S.
- U.S.S.R. also sends notes to U.K. and Norway accusing them of "complicity" in U.S. reconnaissance operations.
- July 12** Khrushchev, in press conference, confirms Malinovsky threat to launch retaliatory missile blows at the take-off bases of American planes which violate Soviet air space.
- Also charges that Monroe Doctrine is dead.
- July 13** A Soviet Government statement charges Western powers with military intervention against Congolese Republic. In U.N. Security Council the same day, U.S.S.R. accuses U.S. of planning to take away the Congo's independence.



- July 13** U.S.S.R. requests U.N. Security Council meeting to consider "aggressive acts" committed by U.S. Air Force against the Soviet Union, meaning the RE-47 plane incident.
- July 15** Khrushchev, in message to Congolese leaders, warns that the U.S.S.R. might consider direct intervention in the Congo.
- July 16** Soviet memorandum delivered to U.S. protests "provocative" buzzing of Soviet ships. (Memo dated July 13). Similar notes delivered to number of other Western Powers.
- July 19** Soviet note to U.S. protests reports of alleged intention to arm Western German army with Polaris missile and threatens "fearful and dangerous consequences" if action should occur.
- At same time, oral statement by Gromyko alleged landing of a unit of twenty American soldiers in the Congo and said the Soviet Union would "draw corresponding conclusions for its own actions" if this group is not withdrawn.